GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether nearly a year after the launching of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) the most of the goalposts set in 2006 remain unfulfilled;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has monitored the scheme for its successful implementation for the last one year;

(d) if so, the lacuna noticed by the Government coming in the way of its successful implementation;

(e) whether there is any plan to set up local vigilance and monitoring committees under NREGS; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for its proper implementation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Non-availability of adequate staff for implementation of NREGA had been reported by some States. They have been advised to recruit staff either on contract basis or on deputation in order to ensure effective implementation of the Act. The State Government have also been informed that the expenditure on the staff, training and other administrative expenses will be borne by the Central Government within the prescribed ceiling. Some States reported need for stepping up communication processes to generate awareness and training to officials and members of Panchayati Raj Institutions. Additional funds for training were given and training of trainer courses organized by National Institute of Rural Development.

(e) Yes Sir.

(f) District level vigilance and monitoring committee headed by Members of Parliament have been constituted in all districts and they are authorized to monitor implementation of NREGA. Guidelines also provide for setting local vigilance and monitoring Committee at village level. States have been advised to make them functional and arrange training to the members of such committee.